

**CLAIMS**

We claim the following:

- 1       1.     A computer implemented medical database comprising:  
2             a plurality of medical documents, each of said plurality of  
3     documents having protocol information associated therewith; and  
4             an evidence level associated with each of said plurality of  
5     documents, said evidence level being a measurement of the validity of the  
6     protocol information for a document.
  
- 1       2.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 1,  
2     wherein:  
3             the evidence level is based upon a plurality of factors, said factors  
4     including one or more of the following:  
5                 controlled study data,  
6                 cross-over trial data, and  
7                 placebo study data, and  
8                 common practice data.

1       3.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 2,  
2       wherein:

3             each evidence level is determined by a consensus among peers.

1       4.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 3,  
2       wherein:

3             each evidence level equals a percentage from 0% to 100%.

1       5.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 4,  
2       further including links to said protocol information associated with each of  
3       said plurality of documents.

1       6.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 5,  
2       further including one or more concept unique identifiers associated with  
3       each of said plurality of documents.

1       7.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 6,  
2       further including one or more evaluation and management codes  
3       associated with each of said plurality of documents.

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1       8.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 7,  
2       further including:

3             a computer-implemented user interface configured to access the  
4       computer implemented medical database, and

5             computer program coding for each of said plurality of documents,  
6       said computer program coding being configured to enable presentation of  
7       the document using the computer implemented user interface.

1       9.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 8,  
2       further including:

3             one or more templates, each of said one or more templates being  
4       configured for entry of the each of said plurality of medical documents,  
5       concept unique identifiers, and evaluation and management codes in the  
6       database.

1       10.    A computer implemented medical database according to claim 9,  
2       further including:

3             a document type identifier associated with each of said plurality of  
4       medical documents.

1        11.     A computer implemented medical database according to claim 10,  
2        wherein the documents type identifier includes an indication of age for an  
3        intended reader of one or more of said plurality of documents.

1        12.     A method for creating a medical database, said method comprising  
2        steps of:

3                assigning a topic;  
4                writing a document on the topic;  
5                submitting the document to peers for review and assignment of an  
6        evidence level; and  
7                entering the document and the assigned evidence level for the  
8        document in a computer accessible database.

1        13.     The method according to claim 12, said method further wherein  
2        the assigned evidence level is based upon a plurality of factors, said  
3        factors including one or more of the following:

4                controlled study data,  
5                cross-over trial data, and  
6                placebo study data, and  
7                common practice data.

1       14.     The method according to claim 13, wherein the assigned evidence  
2       level is determined by a consensus among peers.

1       15.     The method according to claim 14, said method further including  
2       steps of assigning a concept unique identifier with the document and  
3       entering the assigned concept unique identifier in the database.

1       16.     The method according to claim 15, said method further including  
2       steps of assigning a evaluation and management code with the document  
3       and entering the assigned evaluation and management code in the  
4       database.

1       17.     The method according to claim 16, said method further including  
2       steps of assigning a critical data element with the document and entering  
3       the assigned critical data element in the database.

1       18.     The method according to claim 17, said method further including  
2       steps encoding the document into a format compatible with a user  
3       interface.

1       19.     A computer implemented medical database comprising a database

2 means for storing a plurality of medical documents, associated protocol  
3 information, and associated evidence levels, each of said plurality of  
4 documents having protocol information associated therewith, and each of  
5 said plurality of documents having an evidence level associated therewith.

1 20. A computer implemented medical database according to claim 19,  
2 further comprising a template for entering the plurality of medical  
3 documents, associated protocol information, and associated evidence  
4 levels into the database.